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# Survey spotlights needs of Niagara dads

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According to Statistics Canada, there are about 4,000 births in Niagara every year.

And that means many new dads who may need services and supports to help them raise their children.

To that end, Niagara Region's public health department is hosting a survey designed to get a better handle on the interests and needs of local dads.

The fathering survey at [niagara-region.ca/health](http://niagara-region.ca/health) is an initiative of the Dad Central Niagara group of service partners.

Its questions include those that pertain to activities done with children, as well as routines and family activities. One asks how the dad shows love and appreciation to the child.

Fathers are also asked to rate their community as one that supports children, and looks closely into the survey-taker's demographics.

The survey notes that by father, it means any biological dad, boyfriend, stepfather, grandfather, adoptive dad, or caregiver.

"Dad Central Niagara is hoping to use this information to help support community priorities for fathers," said Jeff Biletski,

manager of the public health department's child health program.

"It will help them plan around supporting fathers and activities."

Biletski said 306 surveys were completed as of Thursday, Dec. 29. The survey was launched in June and continues until Father's Day 2017.

"Our goal is to try and gather about 1,000 surveys, so we have a really good and diverse sample of dads in Niagara," said Biletski, also a co-chair of Dad Central. "That way, we'll be able to help support them as much as we can in activities with our community partners, and not just the Region."

Biletski said the survey is not only available on the website, but also in hardcopy form through community partners.

He said early next year, volunteers at community events will also be on hand for fathers to take the surveys.

Dad Central includes Strive Niagara, Brock University, Ontario Early Years Centres, Niagara Region children's services, Kiwanis, Family Counseling Centre of Niagara, Family and Children's Services Niagara, Bethlehem Housing and Support Services, and the Early Childhood Development Centre.

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The firing of the cannon across the river marks the end of the New Year's Day Levee celebration.



MP Rob Nicholson shakes hands with NOTL resident Al Derbyshire at the crowded levee in Navy Hall Sunday.

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Members of the Fort George 41st Regiment of Foot Fife and Drum Corps take a break during Sunday's levee at Navy Hall, organized by the Friends of Fort George.

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## Point of View

# News we hope to hear

As we welcome in a new year, we are again going to follow the tradition here at the Advance of looking back on the year's news, and predicting what we might expect to hear in the coming year.

We're half-way through our current municipal government, which was elected in October, 2014, and one of the highlights for our new lord mayor was the opening in the fall of 2016 of the Royal Elite International Academy in the former high school building on Niagara Stone Road.

While we welcome young people to town as they pursue their education, we don't see or hear much of them. The building, which was looking rather seedy, has been spruced up, but we don't see many signs of student life. There were a few students walking in the Christmas Parade, and there was an art show recently that welcomed the public. Maybe in the new year we could reach out to the students to see how they're adjusting, and whether they like their new digs. It would also be great to hear from some of the families that may be housing students, to see how that is working out for all concerned.

We are still watching for news of the family health team and where it will be located. That seemed to be an issue of major importance when the closure of the NOTL hospital was first announced. The beds have been closed since the spring of 2015, and the rest of the building has been slated to follow, although doctors' offices continue to be located downstairs with the services such as X-ray and blood testing still offered. A committee of people asked to look at the future of health care in NOTL have been determined to find a site for a new building, a not-for-profit health hub where doctors and expanded services could be located under one roof. Two town-owned

properties were identified as the committee's two top options last year - beside the community centre, or on the nine acres of former high school property the town still owns. There has been no official ask for the town for the use of either property for a nominal fee or perhaps no fee, but it seems obvious that the committee isn't planning on purchasing property at market value, instead expecting a partnership with the town.

Also in 2016, the new owner of the Niagara Medical Centre was given approval to build an addition, which he said would be large enough to house all the doctors and services, but the shovel hasn't hit the ground on that project, and no word publicly how long the doctors currently leasing space there plan to stay.

What will happen to the town's Regent Street property? Will it finally become a park in 2017? The former lawn bowling property was saved from residential development following the last municipal election, after voters made it clear they wanted it to remain public space. Now we wait for any individuals or groups to offer designs for the property, before the town moves ahead. It's not the first time the town has gone to the public to ask for expressions of interest - this time it's called a Public Art Design Challenge. The deadline for proposals is Jan. 31, although artists must register by Jan. 6. We can assume, from past discussions, that what is expected is a passive park, with gardens and benches, and possibly some reference to the long history of that piece of property.

In 2016, our volunteer fire department celebrated its 100th anniversary, a milestone that generated enormous pride in the town and its history, with some great celebrations.

But perhaps the best way to recognize the contributions

of local firefighters would be to address some of the issues that have been voiced for more than a year, but we hear are not completely resolved. Firefighters don't speak out much in public, but we hear there is still some frustration that the town has not moved quickly enough to address those issues. Perhaps in the new year those problems could be tackled and progress made before the current fire chief retires and hands over the reins to whomever is hired to take over leadership of the oldest volunteer department in the county.

We continue to watch, on a provincial level, our MPP Wayne Gates, who is an outspoken advocate for this riding. He continues to warn of the economic consequences of selling off Hydro One, and speaks of stopping the sale and reducing hydro rates. With politicians of all parties, he continues to work toward bringing GO service to Niagara year-round. He has also supported the Fort Erie Race Track, the Fort Erie speedway proposal, and local farmers, wineries and craft brewers, and promises to push to have the built of the new hospital planned for Niagara Falls started. It won't officially be the hospital designated for the care of NOTL residents - that's the St. Catharines site - but there will doubtless be NOTL residents who will use it as they do the Greater Niagara General Hospital now.

We look forward to news of the opening of the Lakeshore Road sewage treatment plant and hope for some good news from the region concerning Upper Canada Lodge, which requires re-negotiations.

To our readers - happy new year to you all, and don't forget to share your news with us - we look forward to hearing it and passing it along to your friends and neighbours in the weeks to come.

## Do you Remember?



What is now the Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club used to be simply known as the dock, and the water ways were always called the slip. There were no fences and the property was open to the public. In winter the slip froze solid and locals skated there. According to late historian Joseph Masters, the first ever hockey net originated on the slip when one local boy had the bright idea of using a fish net draped over a crude frame to stop the puck.

## Newark says thanks for holiday help

Hello and happy new year from all of us at Newark Neighbours. We would like to start by thanking everyone for holding their donations until we were back in business. This allowed our volunteers to take a time out with their families. But we are back in business now, with our regular winter hours.

As always, we would like to thank a few people we haven't had a chance to as of yet. Firstly, we would like to thank the Queen's Lewisiston Rotary club for inviting a couple of us to a lovely dinner where they honored Newark and a few of our American neighbour charities. They gave us a generous donation which will kindly help our food bank.

We would also like to mention Christ Church McNab for their generous food donation. Then there was the kind donation from The Original Eight mabjone ladies of NOTL for assisting in our Christmas basket program. The card was lovely too.

Another thank you goes to Chateau Jacksons and Upper Canada Lodge for kindly sponsoring a family of six. They provided both food and gifts to make that family's Christmas brighter. And a special thanks goes out to "Mary" for doing the same for a family of four.

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Newark Neighbours

special and keeps Newark going. We currently could use canned chicken, turkey, ham and cleaning supplies and paper towel items if any one would like to help us out.

A little housekeeping note. Newark Neighbours is a small but well set-up operation but due to our limited space we are please asking you to donate books, VCRs, VCR tapes and stereo equipment to other charities. We just don't have the space for those items. Please keep an eye out for next week's letter in the Advance for information on our 2017 membership sign up. We are planning lots of up dates for the new year.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next general meeting. Newark Neighbours is located off the Riverbend's driveway at 310 John St. East. Our hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you require any information about receiving assistance with our food program, please call Marion Mondays at 905-468-3518.

Hillary Bellis  
 President, Newark Neighbours

# Tending our own gardens - physically and metaphorically

The sun shone on Jan. 1, and there was little snow in our area of the world.

A lovely day but I would have preferred a little snow cover on the flower beds. It was day for quiet optimism, however, as new year's days often are. I came across some words written by John Steinbeck on Jan. 1, 1941 some weeks after the bombing of Pearl Harbour: "Speaking of the happy new year, I wonder if any of you had less chance of being happy... we go into this happy new year, knowing that our species has learned nothing - that the experience of 10,000 years has made no impressions."

But that was 76 years ago, and somehow we have muddled through.

During another turbulent time in history, 1759 in France, 259 years ago,

Voltaire wrote the novel *Candide*, whose main character witnesses every kind of 18th century horror. By the end of the book he wrote that in the face of upheaval and chaos we must cultivate our own garden. This was a metaphor for doing what we could in our own little world. But Voltaire actually did garden seriously (mind you, he had quite a few servants to help) when he had exiled himself to his retreat in Ferney.

He ordered on his arrival: "artichoke bulbs and as much as possible of lavender, thyme, rosemary, mint, basil, rue, strawberry bushes, thadicea, balm, taragon, sarriette, burnet, sage and hyssop to cleanse our sins."

The writer Adam Gopnik states Voltaire was not saying that we have "optimism in the sense of fatuous cheerfulness but



optimism in the sense of optimal thinking." Almost all of us still do believe, stubbornly, in some kind of optimal thinking. (Well maybe not Uncle Fred, but we only have to see him once a year). We cannot be unaware of the world around us, but we must do what we are able in our own garden. Cultivating metaphorically what we can do in our personal areas.

So endeth my new year's musings and let's literally get back to gardening, not that much can be done outdoors at the moment. But you can keep the poinsettias

growing by keeping them watered. Let the water drain out, so their feet don't stay wet.

If you bought or were given an amaryllis and it is coming into bloom, enjoy it. They are dramatic and almost surreal in our northern homes. When all the blooms have finally gone, you can cut off the stems near the base and then find them a spot less front and centre but in the light. Keep watering the plant. In the spring after danger of frost has retreated, you can put them outdoors, on a covered deck or in a dappled-shaded spot in your garden (but leave them in the original pot). In late summer, cut down the leaves and bring the plant indoors. Put it in a dry, dark place, and water only a little every six weeks. Bring the plant into the light about six to eight weeks before you want it to

bloom. You can add some more potting soil to the pot but you don't have to put it in a larger pot. (Perhaps if you've been keeping it for years it may outgrow its home, then go up one pot size, but they like their roots constricted.) Water by soaking the bulb in its pot for about 20 minutes and let it drain. Then water regularly - you will eventually see a little shoot and you know that all you have to do is wait and water.

In a previous article I mentioned that when I dredged up my fine specimen this year, I got too enthusiastic about cleaning up the scrubby bits around the top of the dormant amaryllis and inadvertently cut the bud which had already started to grow. It died. I can try again next year. If you were given an amaryllis, and never got around to planting it, you're

lucky, because if you start now, you will have a fine burst of colour by the end of February, and who doesn't need that? Besides you can tell the person you wanted it for you that you wanted it to be special, and all will be forgiven.

The ancient Babylonians, around 400 years ago were the first to make new year's resolutions, but personal goals for ourselves. So don't feel badly about the cookies you ate last night or the wine you gulped down though you swore you'd never drink again on new year's day.

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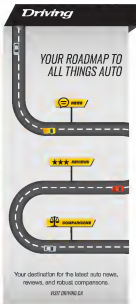
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# Should physicians' skills be checked regularly?

Those who read this column might remember I've talked about when I was a kid living at home, and our marvelous family doctor.

He was one of those surgeon-docs who worked in a MASH unit in the Second World War. In the last two years of the war, first in the United Kingdom, and later in Europe after D-day, through to the end of the war, he spent his time patching up mostly young men, some dreadfully wounded and many of whom didn't make it. I learned this from his colleagues in London Ontario; it certainly wasn't something he talked about.

What I do remember were the many house calls he made to our home to look after everything from a back that went out – that would be my father – to more than one occasion when Bill would rig up a traction device to take the pressure

off Dad's back – to the many visits he made because of my mother's progressive heart failure.

He delivered the three kids, was there in the ER when we needed him, took out my tonsils and took charge of our in-hospital care when we needed him. We loved him. Only later when I was in medical school did I learn that sometimes his colleagues stepped up to the plate to cover for him in the ER or surgery because of his long battle with alcohol.

It was to be the first I heard of the boys covering for the boys. And except for one obstetrician, they were all boys in those days, many of whom played golf together on Wednesday afternoons when a lot of informal consultations took place as they walked the Hunt Club course together.

The second time I became aware of boys looking after the boys came later in my career when I had the privilege of



**BILL BROWN**  
From the health desk

working closely with one of Canada's, and for that matter, one of the world's best neurosurgeons. Charlie Drake had great hands, excellent judgment and went on to revolutionize the treatment of aneurysms at the base of the brain – a very dangerous region to work in. Because of his unique skills he easily became one of the best in his generation and later president of the American Neurosurgical Society and still later, president of the World Society of Neurosurgeons. In the 20 or so years we worked together, we became friends and for several summers one or the other of his three sons worked in my lab. One of those sons went on to become a great neurosur-

geon in his own right and leads the neurosurgical program at one of Canada's best hospitals and university centers to this day.

However in those days South Western Ontario, like many regions in North America, had its share of problematic physicians whose lack of skill and poor judgment, never mind bad behavior, regularly put their patient's welfare at risk. One involved a surgeon who many in the region recognized posed a risk to the public. He was bailed out on more than one occasion but others were reluctant to take any action which might impugn their friend.

That was yesterday – what about these days? That behavior of covering for other doctors was the norm. I expect similar behavior of trying to keep the dirty laundry in house and cover for errant colleagues probably animates many professions such as the law, the clergy and poli-

tics. Nothing new here and all have set up regulatory bodies with varying degrees of transparency to assure the public that they're regulating the standards of their profession (union) properly. Think here of the Canadian Senate to remind yourself of how some bodies politic regulate their standards.

My experience is that although there aren't many bad apples among the medical profession, there are a few. Despite the best efforts of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and like-licensing bodies throughout Canada and the U.S. with which I'm familiar, it's a continuing challenge to weed out the weak and sometimes risky behavior of some colleagues among us. Sometimes potential problems become apparent in medical school or later in residency training but in this day and age are very difficult to deal with because so many players become involved, what with legal counsel for patients, physicians and institutions such as hospitals, all getting in on the act.

Where did all this discussion come from? From time to time in my career I've been asked to assess colleagues whose behavior, or more often skills, fall short of the mark. It's tricky I can assure you. However, overriding all concerns must be concern for the patient's welfare. That's our first duty as

physicians. Beyond that, many poorly performing physicians are poor for a reason. They may not have kept up-to-date and that is a very good reason why the College of Physicians and Surgeons assesses all physicians beyond a certain age.

I was examined last December and happily performed well. However in my opinion, similar assessments every five years should be mandatory for all physicians 10 years beyond their graduation or qualification in a specialty. After all airlines check all their pilots regularly, why shouldn't physicians, lawyers and all professionals be checked regularly as well? For years when I had an active instrument rating I had to have an in-flight check by an expert every two years. It was always a learning experience to catch problems early before they become real problems and it's in that light that I think all physicians, not just the old ones, should be checked by their licensing bodies, every five years.

What do you think? Dr. Bill Brown was head of neurology at the University Hospital in London before moving to Tufts University and the New England Medical Center in Boston, MA. He is now a Niagara-on-the-Lake resident and a professor of medicine in neurology at McMaster University.

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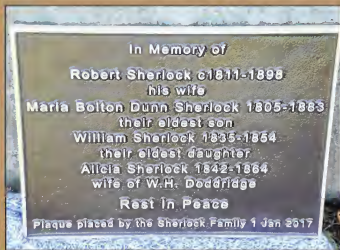


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Members of the Sherlock clan held a special event New Year's Day. Members of the family gathered at St. Mark's Church Sunday for the dedication of a plaque acknowledging Robert and Maria Sherlock, who immigrated from Ireland to Canada, settled in Niagara in the 1830s and began their family in The Old Town. Father William Roberts, the priest of St. Mark's, officiated. "It was a great way for our family to celebrate the first day of 2017, the first day of Canada's 150th and the first day of St. Mark's 225th commemorations," said Kevin Sherlock. Gathered around the plaque are Kevin, James Booty, Sarah Sherlock, Father William Roberts, Kathryn Sherlock, Heather Sherlock, Brett Sherlock, Shane Sherlock, Ty Sherlock, Stephanie Tribe, Marty Sherlock and Stuart Sherlock.

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I wanted to talk to someone about being a winemaker here in our region and figured, since her family has been farming here for more than 200 years, who better than Sue-Ann Staff of Sue-Ann Staff Estate Winery near Jordan. I went to visit Staff at her farmhouse on a cold, clear day last week, where it doubles as a tasting room, retail area and showcase for the immense amount of awards her wines have garnered. Upon my arrival I was warmly greeted by an immensely happy, cheerful and huge Bernese mountain dog named, of course, Brix. This was really a great foreshadowing into what Staff and her philosophy entails, as the atmosphere shadowed the fiery joy that greeted me at the door.

Staff has been winemaking in our region, as well as consulting, for years and she recently began focusing on her own brand as she is now dedicated to growing her own business on the farm. Her family actually boasts two Grape Kings, awarded each year from Grape Growers of Ontario, with her father and grandfather taking the honour, and five generations have tended the acreage leading to its wine fame today.

As I sit in her sun-drenched dining room, sipping some caffeine, talking about the wine industry, I am struck by her genuine enthusiasm and passion for the industry and

winemaking.

Today there are challenges at all angles, from LCBO to changing demographics, but Staff takes it all in stride as part of the business. We tend to see jobs such as winemaking, and being a chef, as cool and exciting, and they certainly can be at times. The harsh reality is the work can be back-breaking, with incredible long hours, and not

really much left at the end to show for it.

Staff's winery currently sits in the farm's garage where she has used her skills at Tetris to fit in fermentation tanks, barrels and bottles all amazingly in the same room, along with space to cater weddings.

It has been 20 years since Staff graduated from her winemaking program in Australia (I will forgive her

for not coming to Niagara College as we hadn't started yet), and her fierce pride of place has kept her here in Niagara building our industry each and every day, which has included stints of teaching our

students at the college.

As we sit and go through her wines in a tasting, her voice begins to race and her adrenalin clearly rises as immense pride shows on her sleeve and in the bottle.

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## Bravo Niagara hosting three-concert winter series

PENNY COLES  
Niagara Advance

Bravo Niagara is doing its part to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, with three winter concerts featuring Canadian music icons.

Christine Mori and her daughter Alexis Spieldenner have become a fearsome duo on the local music scene, taking Niagara-on-the-Lake to a new level of concert performances thanks to Mori's musical background and contacts, Spieldenner's marketing and their relentless pursuit of cultural excellence.

While Niagara is celebrating icewine, Mori is bringing Canada's queen of R&B Divine Brown and Canadian jazz icon Molly Johnson to town. She has also organized a tribute to Canada's jazz legend Oscar Peterson, with help and support from his family.

The first concert is billed as a Divine Evening at Peller Estates Winery, in the barrel cellar. Two Universal Music Publishing record producers who live in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Adrian and Lucas Rezza, now have their own independent record label called Gladior Records, with a studio in their NOTL home, and will be DJing the Jan. 14 concert featuring Divine Brown as DJ 80 Empire.

They produced Divine's latest hit single called Love AllB.

Tickets include a glass of award-winning Ice Cuvée sparkling wine and snacks at Chef Jason Parsons' food stations.



Juno-winning Molly Johnson will perform at the Shaw Festival Theatre Jan. 21

Wine by the glass, as well as Peller's signature icewine martinis in the 10Below Icelwine Lounge, will be available.

Mori is describing it as a "club concert," with no seating.

There is also a ticket option to make it an evening out with an icewine-inspired 4-course pre-concert dinner in a private dining room at Peller.

The second concert of the winter series is Jan. 21 featuring Molly Johnson performing at the Shaw Festival Theatre, a first for Bravo and their largest venue yet. Juno-winning Johnson is a vocalist, a songwriter, artist and philanthropist who has grown to become a Canadian icon in the jazz scene worldwide, says Mori.

Wrapping up the series Jan. 27, in the Jackie Maxwell Studio Theatre of the Shaw Festival is an intimate evening of music and memories to celebrate the legacy of Canada's jazz legend Oscar Peterson. Hosted by Kelly

and Céline Peterson, widow and daughter of Oscar Peterson. An Intimate Look at Oscar, With Love will feature a documentary film screening followed by a concert.

At 6 p.m., Oscar Peterson: Keeping the Groove Alive will screen as part of the Shaw Festival Film Series. Mark Wigmore, Senior Arts Editor at Jazz FM91, will host a post-screening concert in the Shaw Céline Peterson.

At 7:30, guests will enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and a glass of Stratus wine (included in the ticket price), followed by a one-hour concert in the Shaw Studio Theatre - a room that will be transformed from a black box studio to an intimate setting for a concert.

"We love the room, and with it we have an opportunity to create a new venue for just one night," says Mori.

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# News Briefs

The Yellow Door Theatre Project is holding an open house on Saturday, Jan. 7 at their new facilities located at the Redekopp Creative and Performing Arts Centre in Virgil.

This full day of free

programming is an opportunity to connect with arts in the community and see what the Yellow Door is about.

The open house will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature free sample classes in some of the theatre's

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For babies and young children classes will be offered in kindermusik, Tunes4Tots,

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For detailed information about the free open house, including class

times, ages, etc. visit [www.yellowdoortheatre.com](http://www.yellowdoortheatre.com). Under the artistic direction and leadership of Andorlie Hillstrom and a team of theatre professionals, the Yellow Door Theatre Project is a not-for-profit organization

that is devoted to providing arts training and performance opportunities to youth across the Niagara Region at its production facilities in the Redekopp Creative and Performing Arts Centre at 504 Line 2 in Virgil.

## Bravo partnering with Shaw on Peterson concert

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The concert will feature Juno-winning jazz pianist Robi Botos, a protégé of Oscar Peterson, and Dave Young, an Order of Canada recipient and bassist of Peterson's iconic jazz trio for three decades. They will perform some of Peterson's most

famous works, as well as selections from the ground-breaking recording *Oscar With Love* produced by Kelly Peterson in 2015 to commemorate her late husband's 90th birthday, with never-before-heard original Peterson compositions.

"Kelly and Celine (her daughter) are thrilled to bring

this here to the Shaw," says Mori. "Kelly and I met two years ago through mutual friends, and we discovered we have so many parallels in our lives. I've been a die-hard Oscar Peterson fan for so long - I listened to him in my student years. It's really a dream come true for me to be doing this."

Celine will share personal stories and provide a glimpse into the life of her father.

"We've heard some of her stories and asked her to share them with our audience," says Mori.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.bravoniagara.org](http://www.bravoniagara.org) or call 289-868-9177



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Oscar Peterson's widow and daughter will be in NOTL for a tribute to the late, great jazz legend at the Shaw Festival Theatre and studio space.

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**BENNETT, Florence Louise  
(Stevens)**It is with great sadness that we announce  
the passing of Florence Bennett of Niagara-  
on-the-Lake on Sunday, December 26,  
2016, at the age of 97. Florence was  
predeceased by her husband Jack (d.  
1983) and her siblings and their spouses -  
Heather (Cecil) Kerr, Ada (Fred) Moore,  
Percy (Betty) Stevens, and Ida (Fred)  
Howarth. Cherished mother of Steven  
(Judy) Bennett of Navarre, FL; Jack (Kathy)  
Bennett of Gananoque, ON; Alan Bennett  
(d. 2014); and Candace (Wili) Walker of  
Niagara-on-the-Lake. Florence is lovingly  
remembered by her grandchildren and their  
spouses and families. The family thanks the  
staff at both Willoughby Manor in Chippewa  
for their support and care over the past  
seven years, and more recently Chartwell  
Niagara in Niagara-on-the-Lake for their  
care over the past few months. Cremation  
has taken place; a memorial service to  
celebrate Florence's life will take place on  
Saturday, January 14, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.  
at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Byron  
Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, followed by a  
reception in Addison Hall. If so desired,  
memorial donations may be made to St.  
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905-380-7067**Obituaries****Obituaries****SLINGERLAND, Gregory** - It is with  
great sorrow that Greg's family announce  
his passing on December 22, 2016 after a  
brief but courageous battle with cancer.  
Beloved husband of Jennifer Summer for 32  
years. Loving father of Mika and Rachel.  
Cherished son of Don and Ginny  
Slingerland of Niagara on the Lake. Much  
loved brother of David (late Laurie) and  
Nancy Diamond (Karl), son in law of Sylvia  
Summer of Ottawa and brother in law to  
Valerie (Lauren). Greg will be missed by  
his extended family and friends in Niagara  
where he grew up and in Ottawa where he  
moved after graduating from Niagara  
College. Greg was a private person who  
highly valued time with his children of whom  
he was extremely proud. He was an  
excellent cook, wood-worker, and built his  
own home in Kinston, ON. Greg loved to  
travel. He was undaunted by using public  
transportation in many cities in Asia and  
Europe and could have had a second  
career as a travel writer. Greg had an  
excellent dry sense of humour which he  
used until the end with doctors and family to  
lighten the situation. He was a brave and  
kind soul. We will miss him greatly.  
Celebrations of Life to be held at Tubman  
Funeral Home in Ottawa.[www.tubmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.tubmanfuneralhomes.com)  
and St. David's United Church, in Niagara  
on January 14th, 2017 at 2:00pm, in lieu of  
flowers donations to the Canadian Cancer  
Society would be appreciated by the family.**MARCYNUK, Jerry** - Peacefully passed  
away, at the Lennox and Addington County  
Hospital in Niagara on Monday, January 2,  
2017. Nyoka Gerald 'Jerry' Marcynek of  
Napawee at age 64. Beloved husband of 24  
years to Maria Simo. Dear father of Debbie  
Marcyruk-James and Ed Marcyruk (Janet)  
and fondly remembered by their mother  
Geraldine. Loving grandfather of Neal  
(Amy); Jolene (Brad); Kimmie; Ryan;  
Holy (Graham) and devoted great-  
grandfather of Samson; Naomi; Addison  
and Stella. Brother of Pete, Stan; Merv;  
Sylvia; Vickie and the late Dorothy; Marion  
and Bill. Sadly missed by his 4 wheel build  
'nosy' dog. Cremation has taken place.  
A celebration of his life will be held at a later  
date, to be announced, in the care of  
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